Weekly Newsletter
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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcoming Our New Families
It was a real pleasure to welcome our new Reception and Nursery parents to St Mary's on Tuesday. The highlight of the morning was undoubtedly our choir, who sang beautifully and represented the school with great pride. Our new families were so impressed by them. As we look ahead to September, I ask all our current families to extend a warm St Mary's welcome to our new intake and help them feel part of the community from the very beginning.

Pip Joins the Rugby Team
Our Year 6 rugby team also had a fantastic experience this week, not least because of the introduction of our new school mascot, Pip. I will admit that when Mrs White first suggested bringing Pip along to Acton, I was slightly doubtful. I wondered whether Year 6 might feel they were a little too old for it. I could not have been more wrong. The children absolutely loved Pip and showed a real sense of care and responsibility towards him. In fact, there was so much interest that I had to organise ten-minute slots so everyone had a chance to look after him.

A Wonderful Sports Day
Finally, today's Sports Day was a wonderful occasion. At St Mary's, we always aim to strike the right balance by keeping children active, offering a range of activities, ensuring everyone can take part, and including just enough competition without it taking over the spirit of the day. Thank you to all the staff and Mr McGrath who have worked so hard over the past months to prepare, and to those who helped today, including those who were in Eltham Park at 7:30am this morning.

On a lighter note, excitement levels have certainly increased in the Sims household with the arrival of the World Cup, mainly from me!

Enjoy your weekend.

Best Wishes

Mr Sims
Executive Headteacher

WEEK BEGINNING 15th June

Tuesday 16th June
Y4 Visit Eltham Park North. Geography Trip

Reception Classes Visit Christchurch.
Class A – 10am Session
Class B – 10.30am Session

Wednesday 17th June
Nursery Sport's Day

Thursday 18th June
Y6 at Sutcliffe Park for Junior Citizen Event.

Selected Y6 Children at Science Workshop in King's College University.

PA Event. Father's Day Gift Sale

Friday 19th June
Inset Day. Children Will Not Attend School.

PRAYER AND LITURGY

Rose and Zane, Class A, chose the story of Moses for Prayer and Liturgy this week. They both made detailed 3D models at home to show their class. Well done to the children.

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ETHNICITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

WINDRUSH DAY

National Windrush Day is an annual UK celebration observed on June 22 to honor the Windrush Generation and their descendants. It commemorates the arrival of the HMT Empire Windrush at Tilbury Docks in 1948, marking the beginning of post-war Caribbean migration to Britain.

The National Maritime Museum in Greenwich is celebrating Windrush Day on Saturday 20th June. Please click on the link below to find out what interesting events will be taking place during the day.

https://www.rmg.co.uk/whats-on/national-maritime-museum/windrush-day

CAREER'S DAY

As part of our annual Careers Day, St. Mary's is looking for parents, family members, and friends of the school who would be willing to speak to our Year 6 pupils about their career.

We would love to hear from people working in any profession, trade, business, or industry. By sharing your career journey and what your role involves, you can help to inspire our pupils and broaden their understanding of the opportunities available to them in the future.

The event will take place from 1pm on 10th July.

If you would be interested in taking part, please contact the school office at office@stmaryseltham.org

Thank you for supporting our school community and helping to make Careers Day a memorable experience for our pupils.

SPORTING SUCCESS

Fantastic Achievement for KS2 Rugby!

A massive congratulations to our KS2 Rugby team, who performed exceptionally well at the London finals. Facing some incredibly tough competition, the team was only defeated once during the tournament and ended up ranked an amazing 5th in the entire of London!

We are incredibly proud of their skill, teamwork, and determination. Well done, team!

They also had the opportunity to talk and take photos with some professional players from the London Broncos!

They also took our school Mascot, Pip out for his first trip!

UNIFORM

As the weather is getting warmer, please ensure you put sunscreen on your children before coming to school. It is also advisable that they wear a sun hat, either the peaked or bucket hat style. We ask that all sunhats are navy blue. Hats are available to purchase at JK Clothing, our uniform shop, on Well Hall Road.

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Following some parents asking for clarification earlier this week, we have refined the guidance below to provide greater clarity.

Hair – Hair should be clean, natural and neatly presented. Long hair must be tied back for safety and to support learning. Hair must be tied using simple accessories in school colours (navy or white).

Hair products – Products used for styling or shaping hair (such as gels or wax) are not permitted. Products needed to maintain healthy hair, such as moisturisers and oils, are allowed. Hair should be clean, natural and neatly presented, including where worn in protective styles.

GREEN FINGERS

Class 2E have been busy growing tomatoes! We carefully harvested the seeds ourselves and planted them ready to grow. Over the coming weeks, we will be observing and recording the changes as our tomato plants begin to develop.

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PA EVENTS

Father's Day Sale:
The PA is holding a Father's Day sale at school on Thursday 18th June. Lots of lovely gifts for Dads, Grandfathers Uncles and special relatives!

The children will visit the sale during the day with their class. Teachers and PA volunteers will help them select gifts. Gifts are priced between £1 and £6. We ask if the children can bring their money in a named purse/wallet/envelope. We will sell any remaining stock after school outside the gates.

Summer Fayre:
The Summer Fayre takes place on Saturday 27th June from 12 - 4pm - only 2 weeks away!
We need further volunteers and cake donations!* 🎟️

If you are planning to attend the fayre, can you consider volunteering for 1 hour either welcoming people, helping set up or clear up or, taking kitchen food orders, or at any of the stalls:

- 📕 books and uniform
- 🧸 teddy tombola
- 🧉 bottle tombola
- 🪀 pocket money toys
- 🍰 cakes, tea and coffee
- 🫐 carnival games
- 🥤 the bar

Please visit this link volunteersignup.org/EE4DL to sign up for a slot (or more than one if you have time, please!) And remember to share with any friends or family who might be able to lend a hand on the day. There are more stalls than year groups, so if your year groups are full or you have extra time to spare, please look out for the 'general' slots too!

Calling all star bakers!
We need sweet treats for the cake stall which is always very popular. Donations can be dropped at the main office on the Friday or on the Saturday morning of the fayre. It is important to provide a list of ingredients.
Please email stmaryspaeltham@gmail.com if you can make a cake donation.

We cannot run the fayre without dedicated volunteers as it takes many hands to make this a great day out for St Mary's families.We really value help from many families on the day.

SPORT'S DAY

Some photos from a wonderful Sport's Day:

Team Luke was the winning team for the Infants! Captains Ivy and Quinn collected the award.

And Team Luke were also the winning team for the Juniors! Raessa and Albie collected the trophy!

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